

The National Aeronautics and Space
Administration and the Newseum welcome
you to the 25th anniversary of the First Comet
Encounter by a robotic spacecraft. The feat of
the team of America's scientists and engineers
that led to the historic encounter with comet
Giacobini-Zinner on September 11, 1985,
established a foundation of discoveries that
continues today.

In the next 6 months, NASA spacecraft will encounter 2 additional comets:

Hartley-2 on November 4, 2010 Tempel-1 on February 14, 2011

Did comets bring life's building blocks to Earth? What will we discover next?



9 a.m. Welcome

Mr. Joe Urschel

Senior Vice President, Sales and Marketing

Newseum

Mr. Dwayne Brown Master of Ceremonies NASA

Introduction

Comets: Views Across Time—New Worlds,

New Discoveries Dr. James L. Green

Director, Planetary Science

NASA

9:25 a.m. Cometary Science: What Have We

Learned?

Dr. Anita Cochran

Assistant Director, McDonald Observatory

The University of Texas at Austin

10 a.m. ISEE-3/ICE Anniversary, ICE-2: Teaching An Old Spacecraft New

Tricks

Dr. Robert Farguhar

Executive for Space Exploration

KinetX, Inc.

10:40 a.m. Deep Impact Becomes EPOXI

Dr. Michael A'Hearn Principal Investigator

EPOXI Comet Encounter Mission

University of Maryland

11:15 a.m. Stardust-NExT To Comet Tempel-1

Comet Encounter Dr. Joseph Ververka Principal Investigator

Stardust NExT Encounter Mission

Cornell University

11:50 a.m. Concluding Remarks

Mr. Dwayne Brown Mr. Kjell Stakkestad

President and Chief Executive Officer

KinetX, Inc.

12 p.m. Luncheon

Knight Conference Center 8th Floor, Newseum

"Thou art a lovely mystery, Flaming Star!

Throughout the diamond-pointed glittering sky,
In beds of deepest, purest, sapphire lie

The rolling orbs thou see'st from afar!

O sword of God, thy terrors now are past
No longer quake the nations at thy name,
Though still great awe and wonder doth remain
To see thy fairy beauty fading fast!..."

Halley's Comet: Romance of Its Past
—Irene B. Toye Warner